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TAGS: ENRG, KU, SA

SUBJ: NEUTRAL ZONE EXPLORATION ACTIVITY

REF: KUWAIT 1473 (NOT SENT MANAMA)

1. AMINOIL (KUWAITI CONCESSIONAIRE WHICH SHARES WAFRA FIELD WITH SAUDI CONCESSIONAIRE, GETTY) HAS ESSENTIALLY CONFIRMED INFORMATION GIVEN BY GETTY (REFTEL) RE NEW NEUTRAL ZONE EXPLORATION ACTIVITIES, WITH SOME ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

2. ACCORDING AMINOIL, FIVE EXPLORATION WELLS (AS OPPOSED TO SIX AS REPORTED REFTEL) WILL BE DRILLED BETWEEN NOW AND SECOND

QUARTER 1975. IN ADDITION THERE PLANS DRILL EIGHT DEVELOPMENT/
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EXTENSION WELLS IN CURRENT PRODUCING AREA. THESE LATTER

WELLS DESIGNED TO MAINTAIN AND PERHAPS SLIGHTLY INCREASE CURRENT PRODUCTION. FINALLY, COMPANY ALSO PLANS DRILL "SOME" WELLS TO TEST THE KHOUF FORMATION WHERE IT HOPED THEY MIGHT FIND GAS.

3. COMMENT: LIKE GETTY, AMINOIL SEEMS QUITE CONFIDENT NEW EXPLORATION WELLS WILL FIND NEW, SWEETER CRUDE. THE VENTURE INTO SEARCHING FOR UNASSOCIATED GAS IS A NEW ONE, AND COMPANY APPEARS FAIRLY CONFIDENT GAS WILL BE FOUND. (KHOUF FORMATION IS SAME IN WHICH BAHRAIN'S BAPCO HAS FOUND SIGNIFICANT QUANTITIES UNASSOCIATED GAS). CURRENTLY AMINOIL FLARING ALL ITS ASSOCIATED GAS AT THE FIELDS AND MUST BUY APPROXIMATELY 30 MILLION CU FT PER DAY FROM KOC TO OPERATE ITS REFINERY AND DESULPHURIZATION UNIT.

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